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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON CUBILLO AFFAIR

REF: ALGIERS 348 MADRID 947

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 9 THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN "EXTREMELY TENSE MOMMENT" WHEN PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ,, WHOM CASSINELLO DESCRIBED AS "FURIOUS" OVER THE AFFAIR, HAD WANTED TO WITHDRAW THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR FROM ALGIERS AND GO TO THE BRINK OF A BREAK IN RELATIONS. IN THE EVENT, THE GOS HAD LIMITED ITSELF TO A PROTEST, WHICH CASSINELLO CALLED "QUITE STRONG", AND HAD ALSO "CALLED THE ATTENTION " OF THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN MADRID TO ITS UNFORTUNATE REMARK REGARDING ALGERIAN SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO ALGERIAN RESPONSE TO THIS PROTEST AS YET.

2. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR MANUECO APPEARS TO BE APPRECIABLY MORE RELAXED THE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE GOS, IN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC OFFENSE, IS DOING ITS PROTESTING QUIETLY, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE IMMEDIATE RISKS OF FURTHER DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS.

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THIS MAKES US WONDERHOW DEEPLY HELD IS THE IDEA, EXPRESSED BY BOTH MANUECO AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS. THAT ALGERIA HAS MORE TO LOSE THAN SPAIN FROM A BREAK: WE ALSO WONDER WHAT PERCEPTION THE ALGERIANS HAVE OF THIS POINT,STABLER

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